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In re the Application of:

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For: PASSWSWORD INPUT TABLE CREATING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND
PROGRAM THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0001], beginning at page 1, line 1, with the following paragraph:

[0001] This application is a related application ~~with~~ of a co-pending application, U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/677,277, filed October 3, 2003, ~~which~~ claims the priorities based ~~from~~ on Japanese Patent Applications No. 2849/2003 and No. 86864/2003, ~~and will be~~ is commonly assigned to the same ~~assignor of this~~ assignee as the related application, ~~and which related and priority applications noted above are~~ is incorporate incorporated herein by reference.